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THE OLD MAN STILL THINKS

Writes About Matters He Considers Important.

AUTOMOBILISTS ARE VERY CARELESS.

Time for an Understanding—Talk About Good Roads—Schools Are Closing and Young Men Beginning.

"The Old Man" got the printers ink on his fingers by talking and it sticks to him. This week he confines and satisfies himself by writing, not caring to come to town and see things again:

"I have been thinking some since I called in to see you and will give you the benefit of some of the thoughts that have occurred to me in the quiet of my home," writes the old man:

"Never was there a time when people were so much worked up on the question of good roads buildings, and people in every section of the state are becoming alive to the importance of the question. Of course, people everywhere have a reason for it; the farmer desiring to have a better way to get to town with his produce and the merchant glad to have him come to buy what he has and sell him something, while the capitalist wants the good roads because he can better get from place to place in his automobile. But whatever is causing the revival for good roads is all right so long as we get them and have the opportunity of using them.

"With all these good roads there must come a mutual understanding between people with teams and people that drive automobiles. There must be mutual consideration or some body is going to get into trouble. To many people the signal of an automobile means to get out of the way, while to others it means, 'take notice, we want to pass you.' If people that drive horses and walk the roads could appreciate fully the last intent of the driver of an automobile, all parties concerned would get along better. Of course some automobilists are careless, but in the main they are not intending any harm.

"In every paper now there is something about school closing exercises and college commencements, and before many days a number of young men who have been in school for years will be turned loose on the world to tell what they have been studying about. From observation I believe it takes the average graduate about two years to begin to come to himself and realize what he studied all those books at college for. As they come fresh from college they are more to be pitied than censured, for they know so little of the ways of the world and must learn. For my part I would like to begin over and have a good college education to begin life with because I believe it would prove helpful to me in many things.

"But there is one thing about the college commencement that always looks a little strange to me, and that is that the fellows that have spent at least four years in college gets so little attention during the commencement exercises. Only about four or five get more than their diplomas and to sit on the rostrum just during one of the sessions. I always felt that if I spent four years in college and studied hard as most graduates have to do, I would like an opportunity to have something to say about what I had been learning. However, most of the boys seem well

pleased, and it makes little difference what one old duffer thinks.

"I think Durham is a good place, but she is sadly in need of several things of a public nature that would be well for her citizens to consider: More hotel room is badly needed in Durham and at best there is nothing definite in view. Then, too, Durham needs a larger auditorium where conventions, mass meetings and such like could be held. Some one will say at once that the Academy of Music is such a place. But that is not what I mean. Durham needs an auditorium where all kinds of meetings can be held. The Academy is more like the parlor room in the home, while the auditorium would serve for many things for which the Academy is not suitable. Another thing that would prove a blessing to many people that visits Durham is several small parks with seats where strangers may feel free to go and rest in the cool. You don't know what this means unless you get away from home where you know nobody in any of the stores and have no place to sit down for a brief spell. Such a park with seats and water would be a great thing for strangers and many of Durham's citizens would find that while down the street with the children a few minutes could be well spent in such a place.

"I am still thinking about many things that I saw while I was in Durham with you and may write you some more later, but that depends on how I feel."

From Raleigh, Route 7.

As everything is going nicely I will write just a bit of news. Glad to say that crops are looking fine for the season of the year, and that most of us are getting along well with our work. General Green has not made his influence manifest yet, but it is not too late.

Sorry to note the feeble condition of Mrs. J. H. Sykes. She is being treated by Dr. John Penny and I hope she will soon be well again.

Glad to note that the condition of Mrs. Sallie Ferguson is much improved.

Misses Leila and Elector Hill visited the family of J. E. Ferguson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. King of route 2, Morrisville, and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ross, of route 1, Rogers store, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. Ferguson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. O'Neal, of Edgemont, were welcome visitors in our community last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. O'Neal, of Fish Dam section, visited the family of Mr. Simeon Brinkley recently.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ferguson spent Sunday with the family of Mr. and Mrs. James May in the Rogers store section.

Mr. T. A. O'Neal called on some of the fair sex Sunday afternoon.

Mr. James B. Tilley, of Method spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Tillie.

Mr. C. E. Ferguson called on some young ladies Sunday night but he does not know as yet which he likes best.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Nichols, of Gorman, visited Mrs. Nichols' father, Mr. A. Ferguson, recently.

Miss Tessie Kates, of Chatham county, is visiting her grandfather, Mr. Samuel Egerton.

A certain young man of the Morrisville section called again Sunday night guess who it was if you can. J. E. F.

DEATH OF MRS. CASE.

Wife of Mr. C. H. Case, Jeweler, Died at Watts Hospital.

A peculiarly sad death occurred at Watts hospital last Sunday, when Mrs. Alta Evelyn Potter-Case breathed her last. The immediate cause of her death was an operation for appendicitis, although Mrs. Case had not been well for two weeks or more.

Last Thursday she was carried to Watts hospital for an operation and Mr. Case wrote to her parents, telling them that she was expected along as well as could be expected, as she underwent the operation all right. Before the letter had time to reach them a telegram was sent announcing her death.

Before Marriage, less than six months ago, Mrs. Case lived in Malboro, Mass., and was 18 years of age. She had lived in Durham only six months and during that time had made many friends. The remains was carried to the old home for interment. The sympathy of the entire community goes to the young husband in this sad hour of his bereavement.

Death of Miss Shields.

Miss Blanche Shields, a young lady school teacher of the city, died Wednesday morning at Watts hospital after an illness of several weeks with typhoid fever.

Miss Shields had been teaching in the country and at the close of the term went home ill. The illness took the usual course and grew more alarming. Sunday of last week she was taken to the hospital and despite the treatment there such changes as took place were those that caused anxiety. She went into the tell-tale stupor yesterday, developed pneumonia and her unequal strength gave way to the burden of ill.

She was twenty-three years of age and her mother, Mrs. Ida Shields, is left a widow without her favorite daughter. Miss Shields attended the schools of the city and was known over Durham for a sweetness of Christian character.

Death of Mr. Crutchfield.

Marvin Crutchfield, aged fourteen died Tuesday morning at 7:30 at his home in East Durham.

Rheumatism, with which the lad had suffered two years, caused his death. Two months ago his father died and his family's double bereavement in that line leaves it in need of a community's sympathy.

United in Marriage.

Miss Lola Honeycutt and Mr. W. M. Shelton were married Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Honeycutt.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. C. Barrett, of the Second Baptist church. The parlor had been tastefully decorated for the occasion and the bride's friends made up the cloud of witnesses. After the ceremony the couple left on the 5:08 train for Washington, where they will spend several days on their trip. They will return to live here, the groom having a position with the W. R. Murray company.

The city league, composed of teams from East and West Durham, Edgemont and the Y. M. C. A. are playing some good games of ball every Saturday now and the rooters from these places have the opportunity of hollering for their choice. In last Saturday's game the Hosiery Mills team and the East Durham team won.

DECORATION DAY OBSERVED.

Graves of Spanish-American Soldiers Covered with Flowers.

Decoration Day, May 30th, was fittingly observed in Maplewood Monday. Flowers were placed on the graves of the soldiers that entered the ranks for the Spanish-American war and the ceremonies at the cemetery were appropriate to the occasion.

Twelve of the fifteen soldiers that have died are buried in Maplewood cemetery. The graves of each was covered with flowers. The soldiers of the Durham company met in the armory hall at 4 o'clock. The chaplain led in prayer and several short addresses were delivered.

Of the fifteen dead members twelve are buried in Maplewood, one in Arlington and two elsewhere. The members are Mathew W. Barbee, Rufus V. Stem, George I. Eubanks, Joe L. Eubanks, Sam Henderson, George Bennett, Ira McDale, John D. Andrews, J. E. Remington, James Bowles, Albert L. Gates, John Strickland, Joe L. Richard, Cabe M. Royal J. Frank Maddy.

Dr. James E. Shepard has gone North in the interest of the National Religious Training School and Chautauqua for the colored race. He will be with ex-Governor Glenn, who delivers several addresses in the interest of the school. Mr. W. T. Bost, of the Morning Herald, went along to report the affair for the Associated Press.

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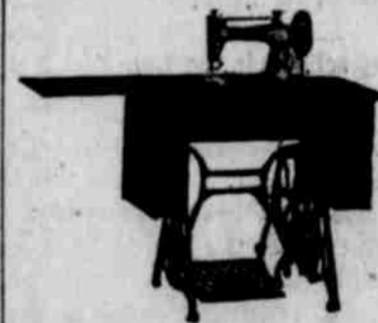
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